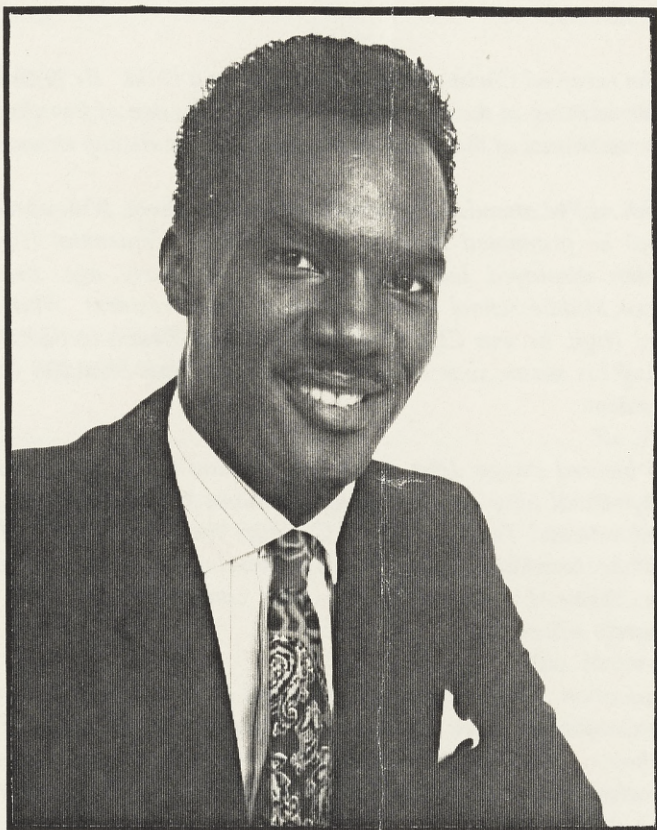


*In Loving Memory  
of  
Pastor John Allen Pye*



*Saturday, April 29, 1995  
1:00 P.M.*

*Ephesians C.O.G.J.C.*

*441 East 132nd Street  
Los Angeles, California*

*Pastor Philip Powell  
Officiating*



## Obituary

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**Pastor John A. Pye** was born on January 4, 1963, in Lynwood, California. He was the fourth of five children born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Pye.

Pastor John received Christ at a very early age as a child. He grew up singing in the choir, starting at the age of four. It was at the age of four that he would lead the processional of the State Choir under the late Bishop Driver.

Pastor John A. Pye attended Gardena Elementary School, Willowbrook Middle School and he graduated third in his class from Centennial High School. Pastor John displayed leadership skills at an early age, beginning at Willowbrook Middle School when he became Class President. While attending Centennial High, he was Class President all three years, in addition, Pastor John during his senior year held both offices of Class President and Student Body President.

The Lord blessed Pastor John to be able to play the piano by ear while in elementary school after only a couple of lessons. From there he became the musician for Bethel Temple C.O.G.I.C. under the Late Elder E. J. Pye, his uncle. While in middle school, he also became the main musician for the Pasadena Regional Choir. Pastor John composed and wrote lyrics to approximately a dozen songs.

Upon graduation, Pastor John received a full scholarship to the University of Southern California where he majored in music. While there he formed a gospel choir. Students from various denominations came together and consequently, lives were changed and souls added to God's Kingdom and most of the fruit still remain.

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Pastor John was a giving person and was always glad to witness to others. He often ministered with others at various churches, convalescent homes, and juvenile facilities before being called to the ministry in 1985 by God. He was ordained as an Elder in 1986, and became Pastor in 1987, after the demise of Elder E. J. Pye, of Bethel Temple C.O.G.I.C. The Lord led him to change the name later to New Generation Ministries. Pastor John loved people and most of all he loved the Lord. He left for his new home on April 22, 1995.

Pastor John A. Pye leaves to cherish his memory his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Roosevelt Pye; one brother, Roosevelt Pye, Jr.; three sisters, Freda Wellington, Connie Stallings and Dilean Pye; one brother-in-law, Floyd Stallings; two nephews, Justin Pye and Eric Stallings; two nieces, Jasmine Pye and Eryan Stallings; uncles, aunts and a host of cousins and friends.

## Order Of Service

### PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION..... New Generation Ministries

### SCRIPTURES

Old Testament ..... Elder Boyd Kimble

New Testament ..... Elder J. P. Pullens

PRAYER..... Elder Joel Benjamin

SOLO ..... Bro. Kenneth Finley

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/RESOLUTIONS,

CARDS & TELEGRAMS..... Sis. Coral Gant

SOLO ..... Sis. Anita Kinard

REMARKS - 3 Minutes Please..... Mother Bessie Brice

Mother Sarah Collins

Ms. Veronica McCrory Smith

Elders & Ministers

Sis. Connie Stallings

Min. Roosevelt Pye, Jr.

SELECTION..... New Generation Ministries

OBITUARY..... Sis. Delores Benjamin

SOLO ..... Sis. JoAnn Borden

EULOGY..... Pastor Philip Powell

### PARTING VIEW

### RECESSIONAL



Interment  
**Inglewood Park Cemetery**

720 East Florence Avenue  
Inglewood, California

## Active Pallbearers

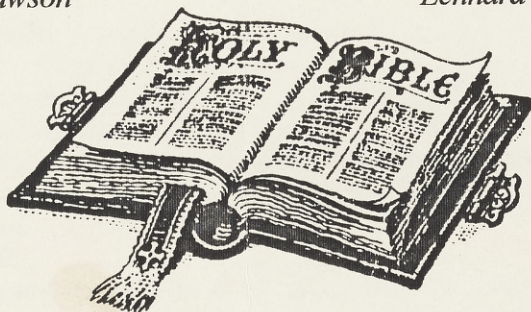
Charles Brown  
Glenn Croxton  
Kenneth Finley

Chris Pritchett  
Ronald Pritchett  
Gregory Pye

## Honorary Pallbearers

Joel Benjamin  
Louis Chapman  
Ralph Lawson

Charles Pritchett  
Roosevelt Pye, Jr.  
Lennard Wilds



## Dear Pastor John

*I use to think and pray and ask the Lord to send me someone here on earth to be to me a friend. Someone I could talk to, a shoulder on which to cry. The Lord did answer my prayers and soon after you came by. The last 7 years were awsome and in my heart you'll always be. And to make sure you never leave, I've thrown away the key. I've thought of all the talks we've had, all the advice to me you gave. To all the messages you preached, to the music that you played. But now that you are gone, feelings have awakened, it hurts at the thought that such a soul was taken. But I believe we all find comfort in knowing your in a better place. I'll see you later in heaven please don't forget my face.*

*Love, Veronica Sample*



Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:

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